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SUBJECT: NY TIMES SUMMARY MAY 21, 1973.

IN ABOVE FOLD FRONT PAGE TWO COLUMN ARTICLE TIMES QUOTES
GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAYING A PROPOSED CHARGE OF FRAUD AGAINST
THE I. T. T. FOR FAILURE PUBLISH DETAILS OF SALE OF STOCK
TO ITALIAN BANK WAS DELETED FROM A S. E. C. DRAFT COMPLAINT LAST
YEAR. QUOTING SOURCES ON CAPITOL HILL AND IN REGULATORY
AGENCIES, TIMES SAYS UNDERSEC. WILLIAM CASEY TOOK
LEAD IN ADVOCATING DELETION ALTHOUGH DECISION TO DELETE
FRAUD CHARGE WAS UNANIMOUS ONE OF WHOLE COMMISSION.
TIMES EDITORIAL ASKS WHETHER MR. CASEY SHOULD RESIGN AS
UNDERSECRETARY BECAUSE OF SUBORDINATE'S HANDLING OF VESCO
CASE WHILE MR. CASEY WAS CHAIRMAN OF S. E. C. AND ANSWERS
THAT PRINCIPLE OF EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATTERS
OF GREAT PUBLIC CONCERN REQUIRES MR. CASEY RELINQUISH
HIS POST " UNTIL THE PRESENT MURKY SITUATION HAS BEEN CLEARED."

IN WATERGATE CASE DEVELOPMENTS TODAY ARE (1) ERVIN
CRITICIZES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF WATERGATE
CASE, SAYING HE BELIEVED " FIVE MEN CAUGHT RED HANDED IN
ACTUAL BURGLARY" SHOULD HAVE BEEN TRIED BEFORE THE 1972
ELECTION, (2) JOHN GARDNER SAID PRESIDENT NIXON'S PROPOSAL
FOR STUDY COMMISSION TO SEEK REFORMS WOULD BE A " MORTUARY
FOR ACTION PROPOSALS", (3) ARCHIBALD COX SAYS HE HAS NO
PRESENT PLANS TO SEEK INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND
(4) TIME MAGAZINE POLL REPORT SAYS MAJORITY OF AMERICANS
REFUSE BELIEVE PRESIDENT NIXON'S DENIALS THAT HE KNEW OF A
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WATERGATE COVER- UP AND THAT THEY ARE EVENLY DIVIDED ON
WHETHER HE HAD APPROVED THE OPERATION IN ADVANCE. ALSO
IN FRONT PAGE ONE COLUMN SOURCES CLOSE TO THE WATERGATE
INVESTIGATION QUOTED AS SAYING THE WHITE HOUSE ESTABLISHED

A SECRET INTELLIGENCE UNIT IN 1970 TO COLLECT AND EVALUATE INFORMATION ABOUT RADICAL AND ANTIWAR GROUPS. IN OP ED PAGE LEWIS FINDS " KISSINGER' S EXTRAORDINARY STATUS IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN SHAKEN", RAMSEY CLARK CALLS FOR INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT AND SAFIRE WRITES ON EROSION OF RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN OUR SOCIETY. AMBASSADOR ROBERT MCCLOSKEY CONTRIBUTES THOUGHTS ON PROPER ROLE OF OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PRESS. ON INSIDE PAGE UNDER PARIS DATELINE TIMES SAYS " A CHECK OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN CAPITALS HAS MADE CLEAR THAT SO FAR, AT LEAST, THE WATERGATE AFFAIR HAS MADE LITTLE OR NO DIFFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR DEALING WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH PRESIDENT NIXON PERSONALLY".

IN THREE COLUMNS BELOW FOLD ON FRONT PAGE TIMES QUOTES GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAYING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS AMASSED EVIDENCE OF WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION IN ITS BRANCH DEALING WITH US- MEXICO BORDER. THUS FAR SEVEN OFFICERS INDICTED ON CHARGES INVOLVING SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS AND ALIENS INTO THE U. S. AND MORE ARRESTS ARE PREDICTED. ALSO ON FRONT PAGE IS INTERVIEW WITH ARMAND HAMMER, CHAIRMAN OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM, IN WHICH HE SAYS HE IS NEGOTIATING A " MASSIVE" NEW PIPELINE DEAL WITH THE SOVIET UNION, POSSIBLY TWICE AS BIG AS THE TRANSACTION SIGNED IN MOSCOW LAST MONTH.

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